

SAYS MIAMI MAN MISREPRESENTED

Says Miami Auto Dealer Prevaricated and Miami Was Not Left Out of Show Intentionally

Joseph F. Leopold, general secretary of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce, and manager of the automobile show denies and very much regrets the charge made against him Joplin by the Miami Record-Herald and H. D. Lee, auto dealer, of Miami. An article printed in the Daily Citizen under a Miami date line and credited to the Record-Herald, last Friday. The letter presents the Joplin side and follows in part:

"I personally had the disposition of all space in the automobile show. I never saw Mr. Lee in this office, nor anywhere else, nor had I any correspondence with him concerning space in our automobile show. Neither did anyone of my executive committee, who had no power in the matter, however, to offer him space. He showed up at the last minute with his car ready for exhibition purposes, and demanded a space. Upon being politely told that there was none available, he used the names of various members of the executive committee in his representation to Mr. Howell of the Connor Hotel, saying that we had referred him to the hotel management. Mr. Howell, thinking he was doing the Jasper County show a favor, did allow him to get ready to show his car, and when we promptly objected, the gentleman withdrew his exhibit upon refund of his money.

This show was put on at an expense in excess of \$6,000 guaranteed by the Jasper County Motor Dealers, and the money placed in the hands of the Directors of the Jasper County Motor Dealers Association.

Now, my dear Pfremmer, I am not anxious to start a controversy with my neighbors, nor do I ask you to give us any publicity, but I simply want to tell you personally the true facts in the case, as I am the one and no one else who is responsible for Mr. Miami Dealer's predicament. I merely wish that you might have verified the truth of this sensational advertiser as well as sensational prevaricator, before you had gone so far as to spread the matter on the first page of your sheet.

With kindest personal regards, believe me,
Yours truly,
Joplin Chamber of Commerce,
Jos. F. Leopold, Secy.

Drill strikes on the R. O. Thomas land just southwest of Baxter Springs are said to assay from 15% to 80%.

MELROSE

This vicinity was visited by a cold rain last Friday and Saturday and a good frost on Saturday night that caused people to wonder how it would serve the early gardeners.

Kirk Evans, merchant of Keelville, had a few men plastering his new residence last week.

S. Sartin was helping Mr. Stebbins plow and with other farm work last week.

Albert Lovejoy and wife attended the funeral of A. Burton (colored) at Chetopa last Wednesday.

B. Pierson spent Friday and Saturday in Melrose on business last week.

J. B. Filby and wife were selling produce at the store at Naylor's last Tuesday.

Arthur Russell of Stebbins was working at the mines last week.

Kirk Evans was doing business in Baxter last Saturday afternoon.

The merchant at Meat City has an auto and goes to Stebbins, takes orders for groceries and also delivers the orders.

Mrs. Mary Hauptman has a job of household duties at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doffitt, living near Melrose.

The funeral of Mrs. Dr. Walker was held at the M. E. Church at Melrose last Tuesday at 3:30 o'clock and interment was made in the cemetery west of Melrose.

A large subscription of Liberty Bonds was given to Uncle Sam at Melrose last week.

Mr. Doffitt and family, living near Melrose, motored to Mr. Foley's, his father-in-law, and spent Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Murphy had a flue built on his new house at Stebbins last week.

Mrs. Eli Kain, who has been confined to her home in the west part of town for the past three weeks by illness, is now improving.

Mrs. E. L. Wright and daughter, Miss Zella, were Joplin visitors Monday.

Rev. Jarrett N. McDonald, of Pittsburg was in Baxter Monday.

NEWS AND COMMENT

The Fifth Annual Report of the state fire marshal of Kansas has reached the editorial desk of the Daily Citizen. The report is a piece of typographical perfection but the reading matter is not nearly so comprehensive or specific as the work should be. Mr. Kussey should give us the information we want. A little less advice and fewer rules and regulations would have given place to what we want to know—what the fire losses for Baxter Springs and the immediate vicinity were for the year past.

Quite a large number of Baxter Springs people were recipients of post cards from Kansas City during last week on which was written in hand writing such little paragraphs as the following: "Will see you one of these days, am getting along fine. Baby is well. We went to see 'The Kaiser' last night and it was sure fine." There would be no signature. Or "Say, Mary, we went to see 'The Kaiser' yesterday and it was wonderful. My cold is some better. Think we will be down sometime in May." Quite a number of people were fooled by the advertising hoax.

The following little pieces of comment are written by N. W. Huston, in the Columbus Advocate, under the heading of "For Heavens Sake:"

There seems to be no limit to the metropolitan airs in Baxter. A movement has been started there now to have some street signs put up, so the houses can be numbered.

Dick Lowry had a page adv. in a Baxter paper today, announcing the opening of his store. One of his head lines reads: "THE LID IS OFF." Evidently, Jupiter Pluvius took Dick at his word, for it rained all day.

Hockerville has a newspaper now. So far, however, the Blake Road Bazaar has failed to arrive.

That was a fine example of a Crawford County mayor, wasn't it? The authorities discovered that he had stored nearly a car load of flour at his farm.

A Kansas furniture dealer, not a thousand miles from here, guarantees his goods. He advertises: "I stand behind every brass bed I sell." Bold, bad man!

"The Rounder" is the name of an unmailable paper being printed in Picher. Its rival was born last week, and is entitled "The Jack Pot." Both sounds typical of Picher.

Now what does this signify? There will be 34 divorce cases tried in the May term of the Cherokee county district court.

In talking with a real estate agent who has some property in the northwest part of town, about the need of a Frisco depot nearer to town he said, "Let 'em alone, the present depot will be in the center of town in a couple of years."

"There are more new bungalows scattered around over the hills, and among the trees in Baxter Springs than any place I ever was with the exception of California," says a visitor. Cudgel your mind and see if you can think of any place quite as well adapted to a neat little bungalow as Baxter Springs. And, withal, bungalow building in Baxter Springs isn't half begun.

For variety of expensive cars, Baxter Springs, we believe, has most towns of her size outdone. It seems the great outside is finding it out too, judging from the numerous thefts of cars recently. When the thieves won't let an officer take a stolen car home after he has captured it, it looks like an automobile isn't the most permanent piece of property in the world. Of five cars stolen in and about Baxter during the past 30 days not one has been recovered. The thieves have an unpopular way of leaving nothing tangible to work on.

A LITERARY TOWN

With all its business and busy-ness Baxter Springs is finding time to give the public library a mighty good play. This can be seen by a visit to that place most any afternoon. This may be due in part to an exceptionally accommodating and efficient librarian, Miss Lotta Smith. Miss Smith knows everything in the library from the latest to the oldest writings and she has that knack of making one believe you are doing her a favor by allowing her to help you find what you want.

Mrs. Ruby Hall returned and resumed her duties as operator at the Home Telephone office Monday after an absence of three months, on account of illness. Mrs. Hall has been with the Telephone Co., for about three years and is welcomed back by her many friends.

CORN FLOUR IS TO COST LESS

Consumers Feeling Good Over Reduction in Lawrence—Retailers Making Too Much Profit

Lawrence, April 22—Consumers of Lawrence are ready today to place the stamp of approval on the United States food administration because it has saved them from 2 to 3 cents a pound on the price of corn flour.

Acting under the suggestion of Walter P. Innes, federal food administrator for Kansas, the price of corn flour has gone down. "A week ago Mr. Innes wrote us the prices were too high," said Clarence S. Hall, county food administrator, this morning. "The retailer was then paying 7 cents per pound and selling for 9 cents and 10 cents a pound. At a meeting a week ago tonight of the food price interpretation committee, the price to the retailer was cut to 6.5 cents per pound and to the consumer was cut to 8 and 9 cents a pound. Mr. Innes was informed of the action taken, and said the Lawrence price was still out of line with prices in other cities of the state.

"We adjusted the matter Friday after consultation with wholesalers and retailers so that the consumer will get a further reduction in the cost of corn flour. The retailer will now buy corn flour for 6 cents a pound and sell it for 7 cents a pound. This schedule is effective at once."

Corn flour is a substitute for wheat flour and the checking up of Lawrence prices indicates the food administration desires to give the consumer all possible benefit of low prices that will afford a bare margin of profit to the wholesaler and retailer.

NEUTRAL

There will be a patriotic program at the Neutral church Sunday night. Everybody come promptly at eight o'clock.

Mr. John Garrison of Delaware, Okla., has been visiting his sister, Mrs. H. W. Chubb.

Miss Rena Kitch spent Sunday with Grace and Flossie King.

The boys who have volunteered in the service of their country from Neutral, in the last week are Cleo Hunt, Frank Alsenz and Dick Collins. The boys expect to leave soon for Jefferson Barracks.

Lucille Auman took dinner with Flossie Dunn Sunday.

Mr. Robert Potter and family and Van Eddy and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Eddy and little Len Eddy spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Sarah Eddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Thompson, of Miami, visited relatives here last week.

Misses Clair Auman, Nellie Atkinson and Gertie Dunn, Messrs. Ira Miller, Marion Wimmer and Loyal Auman, spent Sunday with Cleo and Erma Hunt.

Fred Lambert says he run his new Peerless eight-cylinder car up River street hill at five miles an hour. As against this Lee Haymes claims to have run his eight-cylinder Apperson up the same incline at three miles an hour. Haymes admits the feat of Fred's car was possible, but Fred don't think an Apperson can crawl the hill at three miles an hour so a demonstration is in order sometime this week.

WHAT THE RED CROSS MEANS

The stay-at-home American cannot realize what the Red Cross means in this war. Just as it is the world's most colossal struggle, enlisting more millions and creating a wider havoc than any other war, so are the demands for mercy greater than ever before. Without the Red Cross this war could not be waged; certainly it cannot be won. I have been with six armies and on half a dozen fronts. Wherever I have gone the Red Cross has been in the thick of battle—first to aid, last to rest. It needs every dollar that can be raised for it: every bit of loyalty that can be mustered. No money expended in the war reaps so rich a harvest of gratitude and service. The Red Cross is succor and sustenance. It is the Supreme Antidote.—Isaac F. Marcossion.

A FAST TOWN

Judging from the advertising Lincolnville must be some fast little city. Just at the north edge of town there is a sign board on which is printed: "Speed Limit, 98 Miles An Hour."

There is a fine stretch of smooth road just before coming into Lincolnville from the north and motorists are in the habit of living up to the 98 mile gait as their engines will allow.

NATIONAL LOW SHOE DAY, MAY FIFTH

DAME FASHION AND UNCLE SAM FORM ENTENTE ALLIANCE

MAY FIFTH IS SUNDAY

To Maintain Your Standing With Both, You Must Help Conserve Leather by Wearing Low Shoes

Dame Fashion and Uncle Sam have formed an entente alliance and have issued a joint and several edicts to the American people, pronouncing Sunday, May 5, National Low Shoe Day. This means that every man, woman and child, who desires to keep in the good graces of both must relegate high shoes to the closet and appear next Sunday neatly shod in low shoes.

It is an edict that will be cheerfully obeyed. Not only is the season of the year at hand when the Low Shoe is the most comfortable footwear to be had, but it is clear to all people that the conservation of leather is imperative, if the United States is to successfully conclude its task "over there." The soldier must be well shod. Through the very nature of his work, he uses up shoe leather at an amazing rate. The quartermaster department of the United States army has figured that each of the hundreds of thousands of boys in khaki will have worn out nine pairs of shoes by this time next year. This is proof positive of the absolute necessity for the conservation of leather by the American people.

The people of the United States are patriotic. They are heart and soul with our boys in trench and camp. In every way they have demonstrated their desire to make sacrifices in order that this world may be "safe for democracy." They will welcome National Low Shoe Day as another opportunity of manifesting their patriotism. And at the same time it is a manifestation that demands no sacrifice, for all must agree that from now on until the frost is on the pumpkin, the Low Shoe is the most serviceable, the most comfortable and neatest of footwear. Local dealers, advised of the date of National Low Shoe Day, have bought accordingly, and today are offering patrons the very latest footwear of this description. Make it a point to see your dealer today and pick out your pair so that you may be a properly clad patriot on Sunday, May 5.

RED CROSS MEETING

A number of the matrons of the Red Cross met at the home of Mrs. O. S. Brinton Monday afternoon and arrangements were completed for a special dance to be given at the Goodenough Hall Thursday evening, April 25.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. L. M. Perkins and the chairman of the different committees appointed were as follows:

Ticket, Mrs. G. W. Skinner. Decoration, Mrs. O. W. Bilharz. Refreshments, Mrs. R. C. Wear. Music, Mrs. O. S. Brinton.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Muir, served refreshing delicacies to the following: Mesdames O. W. Bilharz, R. Warner, A. E. Pfremmer, M. Goodenough, John Grifard, R. C. Wear, Chas. Opperman, L. M. Perkins, G. W. Skinner, S. Van Dyne, C. M. Richardson, M. H. Eastham, Enoch Perkins, O. M. Spratt, F. M. Perkins, W. T. Apple and Miss Grace Perkins.

PARRISH LIKES BAXTER

Dr. E. H. Parrish, formerly of Lamar, Mo., has opened a dental office in the Arbuthnot building over the Globe Clothing Store. The Doctor before coming to Baxter Springs, spent some money and a little time trying to pick out the town in the mining section with the best future and chose Baxter Springs. Dr. Parrish is expecting to buy property and move his family here. "Doc" is one of those fellows who wants a home and a place to live as well as a good practice and he has more arguments why Baxter Springs is a coming town off hand than most folks can think of. The Doctor has a beautifully equipped dental office and is already enjoying good practice.

CHEROKEE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

A County Farm Bureau is being organized in Cherokee County. Enough members have been secured to comply with the law and the organization meeting is to be held in the court house at Columbus, Saturday, April 27, at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. A. F. Turner, Assistant State County Agent Leader from the Kansas State Agricultural College, will be at the meeting to assist in the organization; and it is very important that all members be present.



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